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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING  
Federal Election Commission  
Attn Jack Baisden  
999 E Street N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20004

RE:Committee C00569129

Dear Mr. Baisden:

Beat REID PAC files this statement to provide a response to your October 30, 2014, Request for Additional Information (RFAI) regarding the naming of the committee.

Under 11 C.F.R. section 102.14, a candidate's name may not be used to raise funds or disseminate information the candidate objects to under the guise of being authorized by the candidate or otherwise be used to prevent the public from being fully informed about who is speaking, what the committees motives are and who is funding the committees political speech. The regulation was not designed to suppress citizens' first amendment right to engage in political speech. In fact, the Federal Election Commission (Commission) must allow the maximum of first amendment freedom of expression in political campaigns commensurate with Congress' regulatory authority overbroad application of 102.14.

As the Commission is no doubt aware, 2 U.S.C. section 432 (now 52 U.S.C. section 30102) was passed as part of the original Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (Pub. L. No.92-224, 301-306, 86 Stat. 3, 11-16 (Feb. 7 1972). In the last five years, we have had the benefit of clarifications as to the application of the Federal Election Campaign Act and its limits through several court opinions including *McCutcheon v. FEC*, 572 U.S. \_\_\_\_ (2014); *Citizens United v. FEC*, 558 U.S. 310 (2010); *Carey v. FEC*, 791 F. Supp. 2d 121 (D.C. 2011); *SpeechNow. Org v. FEC*, 599 F.3d 686 (D.C. Cir. 2010); *Texans for Free Enterprise v. Texas Ethics Commiss*, 13-50014 (5th Cir. 2013). These cases echo the principle: the Act and its regulations that govern campaign finance and political speech are not designed to suppress citizens' first amendment right to engage in oppositional political speech.

The name of the committee is Beat REID PAC. As it is likely no surprise that as an independent expenditure-only committee, Beat REID PAC and its supporters have common hot-button issue that motivate the political speech. Beat REID PAC is dedicated to stopping the politicians that drove this country into Reckless, Endless, Insurmountable Debt (REID). This information is clearly stated on the committees website. Additionally, Beat REID PAC clearly indicated on its Statement of Organization that it is a non-connected committee and it submitted its IE-Only Letter, a template provided by the Commission post-Citizens United, to plainly distinguish independent expenditure committees from all other types of committees. Therefore, Beat REID PAC is in full compliance with the registration requirements established by the Commission for independent expenditure only committees after the Citizens United case.

As such, the Committee unequivocally denies that the Committee has violated 2 U.S.C. section 432(e)(4) (now 52 U.S.C. section 30102(e)(4)) and 11 CFR section 102.14 suggested in the RFAI, and, respectfully, Beat REID PAC would view any assertion that Beat REID PAC is required under the law and the cases cited in this response to refrain from using this name as an unconstitutionally overbroad application of 102.14(a) by the Commission.

Nevertheless, Beat REID PAC is dedicated to the highest standards of public disclosure and transparency. Consequently, if the Commission issues directions with regard to the naming of independent expenditure only committees beyond the inclusion of the IE-Only Letter, or otherwise directs this committee to amend its Statement of Organization to include additional information it believes would assist in informing the public, Beat REID PAC stands ready to receive such direction.

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